

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed October 1, 2004, the shortened statutory period for filing a response expiring on November 1, 2004. In view of the within election, an action on the merits is respectfully awaited.

In view of the restriction requirement, please cancel claims 1-12 without disclaimer or prejudice as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application with respect to the non-elected claims.

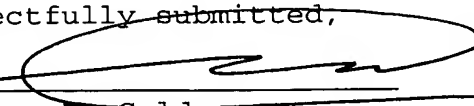
Applicant also submits newly proposed dependent claims 46-64 for consideration by the Examiner. Applicant also submits herewith a proposed amended Figure 1 (marked up in red) which identifies the strands 102, 104 as having a stripe 103 and a groove 105. Support for the stripe and groove may be found in paragraph [0007] and the patents identified therein, the disclosure of which have been incorporated by reference. Applicant has amended paragraph [0025] to include the reference Numbers 103 and 105 as now illustrated in Fig. 1. As the amendments to the claims, specification and drawings pursuant to this Amendment does not constitute new matter, entry is respectfully requested.

Applicant's submit a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

If there are any charges in connection with this requested Amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Attachment: Replacement Sheet No. 1